

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 12, 18 and 19 have been amended, claims 5, 7-10, 16, 20, 22 and 23 have been cancelled, and new claims 24 and 25 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11-15, 18-19 and 24-25 are pending in the present application.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9, 10 and 12-15. In response, claim 1 has been amended so as to include all of the limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 9. With the amending of claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 9, all prior art rejections have been rendered moot. Accordingly, indication of allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 11-15 and 18-19 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 and include all of the limitations found therein. Each of these dependent claims include additional limitations which, in combination with the limitations of the claims from which they depend, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 6, 11-15 and 18-19 are likewise patentable.

New claims 24 and 25 have been added. New claim 24 corresponds to original claim 2, and new claim 25 corresponds to original claim 17. Each of these claims ultimately depend from allowable claim 1, and are thus also allowable. Indication of which is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amendments to claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 12, 18 and 19, favorable consideration of new claims 24 and 25, and allowance of the present application with claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11-15, 18-19 and 24-25 is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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